(a) the number of applications received for providing telephone connections in village-Tarapur, P.O. Kalikabara, Distt. Varanasi during 2001 and till date;

(b) the date on which demand note was issued in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that telephone connection against demand note No. RU01/GEN/SUP 00862 dated 17th August, 2001 has not been provided till date despite passage of considerable time; and

(d) whether the telephone connection agaisnt the said demand note would be provided by August, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) Sir, only one application was received for providing telephone connection in Village-Tarapur, RO.-Kalikabara, Distt. Varanasi against Demand Note No. RU01/Gen/ SVP/0862 DATED 17.8.2001. The area was technically non-feasible. Action has been initiated to provide telephone connection by 31.8.2002.

Installation of sophisticated bugs at mobile switching centres

1649. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cell phone service providers are required to install sophisticated bugs at mobile switching centres country-wise, to held the various State agencies authorized to tap cell-phones;

(b) if so, the agencies which are so authorised to tapcell-phone calls;

(c) the reasons for many agencies tapping the cell-phones individually, instead of making one single authority responsible with each of the concerned agencies sharing the information required by them; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken to rationalize the tapping system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Immediate connection of villages with wireless telephone facility

t1650. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating scheme for immediately connecting the villages with the wireless telephone facility during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the villages which are to be connected with this facility, State-wise, district-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. Government has the policy to cover all the villages in the country with telephone connectivity during this year and Wireless in local loop (WLL) is one of the technologies being used for this purpose besides cable and satellite media.

(b) and (c) State-wise details of plan regarding deployment of VPTs on WLL during current financial year 2002-03 is given in the Statement. District-wise details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Technology-wise Breakup of VPT Target for the year2002-03

Sl. No.	Circle	Annual Target	Technology-wise break up		
			Land-line	Satellite @	WLL
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	4	0	4	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0
3.	Assam #	7667	0	0	7667

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.